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OPENING REMARKS

I'm Loving This Fall Thing



Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson and his Act4Murder buddies at the recent Lindsay Wagner Master Acting Class held at the Emerald Coast Convention Center last month. We learned a lot from the Emmy-winning Bionic Woman and can't stop tapping ourselves.

This is my favorite time of year to go to the beach.

For those of you just passing through, that's the long stretch of sand and Gulf of Mexico located behind all the condos.

It's still pretty warm out in September, and most of the sharks are stuffed after chowing down on tourists all summer. So with no trepidation whatsoever, I got in the water last weekend and promptly swallowed what must have been a couple gallons of Florida saltwater. But I didn't get eaten by sharks.

There's something about getting your bare feet in the sand. I believe someone called it "crack for your toes."

I would like to apologize to anyone who's seen the YouTube video of me in the Gulf, apparently shot by someone from the balcony of Sandpiper Cove (with a damn good zoom lens, I might add). I

didn't have my swimsuit with me that evening, didn't realize the full moon would be out to provide spectacular lighting for amateur filmmakers, didn't realize it was illegal, etc. etc.

Just kidding. We don't actually have sharks here.

- Chris

WHAT'S NEW THIS ISSUE

We've expanded our Live Music Calendar to include some of the action beyond Beachcomberland, notably the big name concerts in Biloxi. Turns out there's more to do there than play golf and visit the art museums. And a lot of *Beachcomber* readers like to go over there. Some more often than others, and usually on payday.

Our first Chefs Up Close featurette appears on page 24. We're delighted to kick things off with **Camille Withall**

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Two for October – Blackmarr and Cromer Share the SoWal Art Spotlight

A pair of artists will be featured at the Walton County Coastal Branch Library in October.

The first of them, **Shelley Blackmarr**, says, “Art has always been my therapy. In the early ‘70s, as a poor, stressed-out college student, I would buy a 50-cent coloring book and the biggest box of Crayolas (I could afford) and escape through coloring.”

A year and a half ago, Blackmarr began watercolor lessons and now escapes from her busy job by painting. “The water, land and air, and the creatures



Artist Shelley Blackmarr



Art by Shelley Blackmarr.



Art by Freida Cromer.

that live on this earth, speak of God’s glory,” she says of her inspiration to create. “I enjoy painting seahorses, dragonflies and crabs trying to capture all the color and details that my God and creator of all has designed.”

Freida Cromer was born in North Alabama, an area of beautiful mountains and streams. Early on, her art interests narrowed down to painting in oils. Her desire to attend art school after graduating high school struck her conservative parents as farfetched, so Cromer opted for a formal education in interior design.

Cromer’s schooling led to her obtaining professional interior designer licensing in both Florida and Alabama, and she owned her own firm for nine years before relocating to Santa Rosa Beach. She now works as a freelance designer

and finds that many of the same components needed to create a great room apply to creating a pleasing piece of art—perspective, scale, balance, composition, color, repetition and texture.

“I feel I’ve gotten a late start in really focusing on my painting,” says Cromer. “But I’m very thankful for the opportunity and encouragement from my husband and family to do so now.”

She’s studied with some talented artists, notably 2002-03 Walton County Artist of the Year **Dorothy Starbuck**. Cromer is a member of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County, the A+ Art Group and the Women’s Art Group. In addition to the library, you can see her work at the Foster Gallery in Sandestin.

- Cheryl Gray

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FALL TV PREVIEW

As this issue wrapped, I had just watched the funniest comedy show in recent memory. The name of the program was *Monday Night Football*, and the subject was a ragtag bunch of misfits called “The Chicago Bears.” The director and crew did a great job of simulating an actual NFL game, with announcers, cheerleaders and a crowd-filled stadium (CGI?).

For a while, I thought I was watching the real thing, but the Bears’ total ineptitude on the field convinced me otherwise. I look forward to the next hilarious episode.

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

Thanks so much for the plug in *The Beachcomber* (“Austin Duo Hits FoWal on Fall Tour,” Sept. 8-21 issue)! Really lovin’ FWB-Destin. Went to the beach and the pier and noodled around town. Beautiful place!

- Robert Watts, *These Fine Moments*

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We’re always on the lookout for stunning artwork for our cover (or elsewhere in the book), any “15 Great Something-or-Other” listicles to tie in with *The Beachcomber*’s 15th Anniversary, photos from recent events, reviews of live music performances (local or otherwise), recipes, photos, jokes, humorous essays, gossip, etc. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com. We read all of our emails and do our best to respond promptly.

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Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. carolanncain.com.

Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com.

Saturdays. Kids’ Drawing with Sarah Coleman, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

Oct. 11 and 12. Basic Photoshop with Joe Harper, 6-8:30 p.m. Basic computer knowledge

required. Cost is \$60 (\$50 for ADSO members). Visit ADSO’s website or call 850-244-1271.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit emeraldcoastartgallery.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register or get more info.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. Shard art is a Glass Collage technique of applying glass to painted canvas with resin holding it all together. Classes daily, Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adult classes Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-noon. Families (adults and kids) Tue., Weds., Fri., 1-3 p.m. After school kids’ classes Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Home school day Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Open studio and walk-ins every Saturday.

Adult classes start at \$85, kids start at \$35. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH SEPT. 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
This month, the spotlight falls on **Ann Tucker**.

THROUGH SEPT. 30. ARTIST OF THE MONTH ANDY SACZYNSKI AT 45 CENTRAL WINE BAR, SEASIDE
Saczyński has appeared on *The Beachcomber’s* cover on a few memorable occasions. More at fortyfivecentral.com.

THROUGH SEPT. 30. JOANNE JONES AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
Longtime Emerald Coast resident Jones considers her work eclectic, though it’s heavily influenced by the natural beauty of our area. She’s a member of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County and serves as a committee member for A+ Art. More at Facebook.com/joannejonesart.

THROUGH SEPT. 30. MARLA ARMSTRONG AT DESTIN LIBRARY

The library showcases Niceville artist Armstrong’s range of work (watercolor and acrylics). She’s a member of ADSO and has won numerous awards for her paintings and photography. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

OPENS SEPT. 27. THIRTY-THIRD NORTHWEST FLORIDA TRI-COUNTY FAIR FINE ARTS SHOW AND RECEPTION AT C.H. “BULL” RIGDON FAIRGROUNDS, FORT WALTON BEACH
Sponsored by the Arts and Design Society and the Northwest Florida Fair Board, the show—which also includes high school and middle school art this year—runs through Oct. 1. Reception scheduled for Sunday, **Sept. 25**, 2-4 p.m. Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

OPENS SEPT. 27. ADSO’S “AUTUMN” SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Celebrate fall and attend the opening reception Friday, **Sept. 30**, from 6 to 8 p.m. More at artsdesignsociety.org, or call 850-244-1271.

SEPT. 28. ADSO LUNCHEON AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Mixed media artist **Ann Wagner** speaks at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 if you make your reservation by **Sept. 26**. After that, it’s 15 bucks. Call Risa at 850-376-3901 or email adsorsvp@gmail.com.

OPENS OCT. 1. ARTIST OF THE MONTH TERA FUJAN AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH
Fujan is an award-winning artist in Zentangle, Encaustic wax and card design. Reception Saturday,

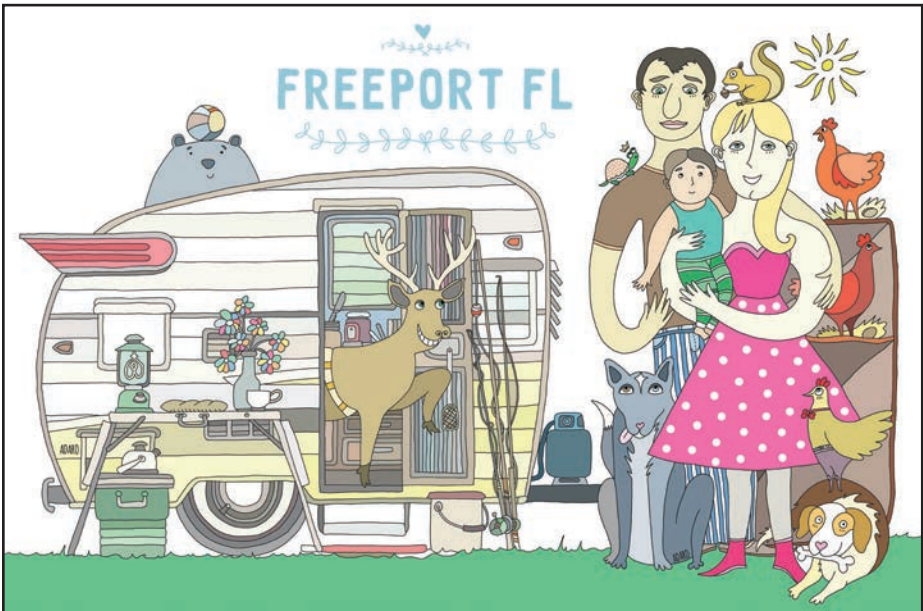
Oct. 15, 5-7 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and, of course, some wonderful art.



OPENS OCT. 1. SHELLEY BLACKMARR AND FRIEDA CROMER AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
October features two artists—Blackmarr, a relatively new artist who paints mostly in watercolor, and Cromer, a longtime oil painter. Both artists will have pieces available for sale.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Beachcomber Artist of the Century Juan Francisco Adaro’s salute to Freeport. We can’t wait to see his take on Mossy Head. For more, visit Adaro’s gallery in Grayton Beach or surf on over to adaroart.com.

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Various shifts are available, including set up and break down, main entry, artist relief, ArtStop children's tent and beverage booths. All volunteers are welcome to arrive prior to their assigned shift or after their morning shift to visit the artists and enjoy the festival. Opportunities are available for students looking to donate their time in exchange for community service hours.

One of the Southeast's premier festivals, the Festival of the Arts showcases the original artwork of more than 100 artists from across the U.S. and Europe who will compete for \$10,000 in cash award prizes. Festival features include a food bistro, wine and beer garden, live music, art activities for kids, souvenir posters and t-shirts, art raffle and more. FREE shuttle service and convenient on-site parking is also available.

Admission is FREE to MKAF members and children under 12, and \$5 for adults and non-members.



Festival of the Arts volunteers Ken Harrison and Cara Roy.

To volunteer, contact Festival of the Arts Volunteer Coordinator **Kathy Whidden** at 850- 376-7391 or email kathy@destinchiropactor.com.

To make a tax-deductible donation or provide a corporate sponsorship—or for more information about the Festival of the Arts—visit MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org or call 850-650-2226.

- Zandra Wolfram

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9.25	High Low	6:10am 5:10pm	6:37am 6:38pm	34	
9.26	High Low	7:29am 5:45pm	6:37am 6:37pm	25	
9.27	High Low	8:42am 6:06pm	6:38am 6:36pm	16	
9.28	High Low	9:50am 6:09pm	6:38am 6:35pm	9	
9.29	High High	12:37am 11:40pm	6:39am 6:32pm	4	
9.30	Low High	5:46am 11:26pm	6:39am 6:32pm	1	
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10.2	Low High	7:58am 11:44pm	6:41am 6:30pm	0	
10.3	Low	8:53am	6:41am 6:28pm	3	
10.4	High Low	12:05am 9:51am	6:42am 6:27pm	7	
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MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* hosted by Matt Ginella. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvases. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardART on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Come break some glass with us! Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach. 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts and Design Society (ADSO) "Autumn" Show. Open to all artists in any medium, as long as your creation celebrates autumn. Cash awards. Turn in dates are Saturday, **Sept. 24**, 1-4 p.m.; and Monday, **Sept. 26**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). Call 850-244-1271 or visit artsdesignsociety.org for more info.

"Life's a Beach" Cover Art Contest. ADSO will be the venue for the show. Entries must have at least one palm tree (what, no margaritas?) and illustrate life along the Emerald Coast—bright, vibrant colors preferred. Turn in work at the ADSO Gallery in Fort Walton Beach Saturday, **Oct. 22**, 1-4 p.m.; and Monday, **Oct. 24**, 9 a.m.-noon. Entry form and additional details at artsdesignsociety.org. Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

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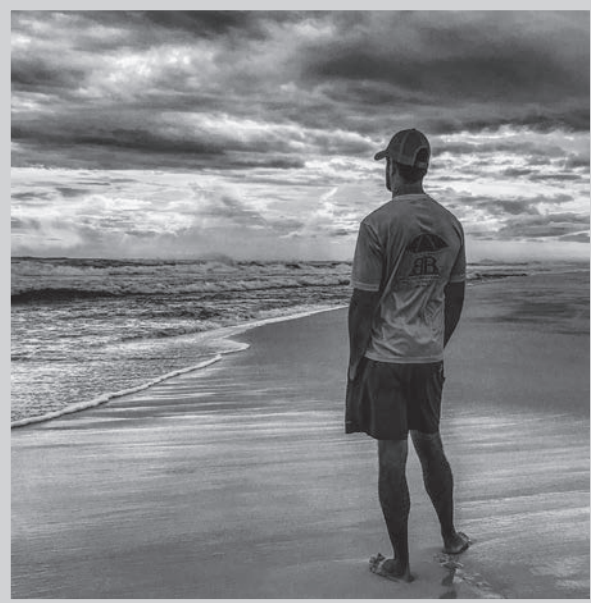
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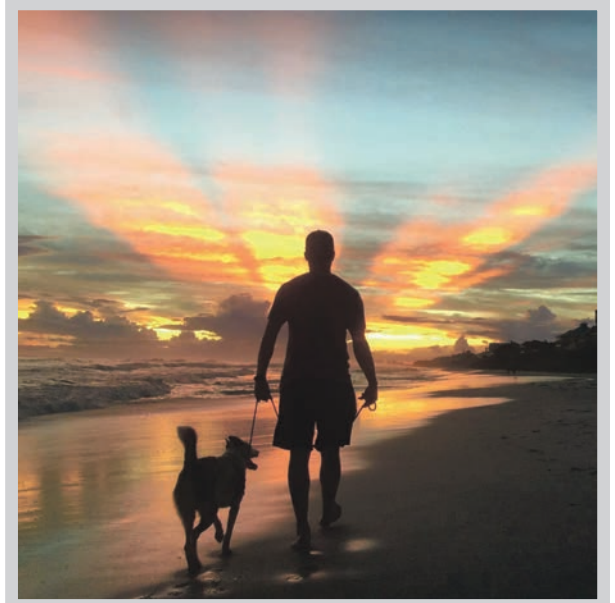
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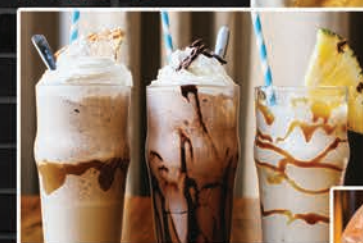
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Nashville Comes to Sandestin Oct. 7 and 8



Many of our old Nashville pals return to Beachcomberland **Oct. 7 and 8** for the **Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour** at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Among the big names are **Aaron Barker**—writer of the George Strait hits “Baby Blue” and “Love Without End, Amen”—who is being inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame the day after this event.

The Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour—presented by the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association in conjunction with Visit Florida and BMI—includes two full days of FREE concerts by the men and women behind the hits at Sandestin’s Village of Baytowne Wharf. Barker, **Bobby Tomberlin**, **Kendell Marvel**, **Even Stevens**, **Bill LaBounty** and others will share the stories behind the songs.

The songwriters’ resumes boast hits for Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Eddie Rabbitt, Joe Cocker, Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Jamey Johnson, Patty Loveless, Darius Rucker, LoCash and many others. The nightly concerts will be held at Baytowne’s numerous venues so music fans will have an opportunity to see everyone.

For our out-of-town readers, take note—deluxe accommodations start

at just \$119. Visit Sandestin.com/SONG16 or call 855-404-1994 for offers and more event details (Promo code **SONG16**).

The schedule at press time is as follows:

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

5-7 p.m. Skye Claire, Megan Linville and Danny Myrick at Rum Runners.

7:15-8:15 p.m. Kent Blazy, Bill LaBounty and Bobby Tomberlin on the Village Door deck.

8:30-10 p.m. Aaron Barker, Kendell Marvel and Even Stevens on the Events Plaza stage.

11 p.m. Late night hang at the Funky Blues Shack.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

6-7 p.m. Skye Claire, Kendell Marvel and Bobby Tomberlin at Rum Runners.

7:15-8:15 p.m. Bill LaBounty, Megan Linville and Even Stevens on the Village Door deck.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Aaron Barker, Kent Blazy and Danny Myrick on the Events Plaza stage.

8:45-10 p.m. Trailer Choir on the Events Plaza stage.

11 p.m. Late night hang at the Funky Blues Shack.

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Destin – Come for the Seafood, Stay for the Decoys

By Nikki Hedrick

“(This is) a band put together of pretty good musicians that play along the Shoals,” Decoys vocalist-guitarist **Scott Boyer** explains. “The band actually started about 30 years ago. I’ve been in this band for 30 years, which is more than I’ve been in all the other bands put together.”

Boyer was a member of Cowboy, a southern rock outfit that has become something of a legend, and he was part of the Capricorn Rhythm Section. The latter backed anyone and everyone in the southern rock world during the ‘70s, when most of the genre’s bands were signed to Capricorn Records.

David Hood, N.C. Thurman, Mike Dillon and **Kelvin Holly** complete the lineup. Each member of the band has his own jaw-dropping history—from backing Little Richard to writing hit songs—but the story always begins with a love for (and connection to) the music of Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

The Decoys headline this year’s Destin Seafood Festival on the Destin City



Muscle Shoals-southern rock legends the Decoys in Beachcomber Editor’s old hometown Florence, Alabama.

Photo by Andreas Werner, from the band’s Facebook page.

Stage. The FREE event happens on the Destin Harbor **Sept. 30-Oct. 2.**

They have an extra special treat for festivalgoers. “We are bringing the Muscle Shoals horn section down that way—and I love horns,” says Boyer. “They’ve played with us a couple times before, and it will be really great to have them with us. They are out playing with Lyle Lovett right now, but they will be down there October 1st.”

Boyer began his music career in the early ‘60s, starting with acoustic folk songs. “Dylan went electric, and that’s when I got in my first band.” They were called the 31st of February, and the band included future Allman Brothers Band member Butch Trucks

and David Brown, who later played with Boz Scaggs and Cowboy.

“We played around Tallahassee and eventually statewide,” says Boyer. “We had a ball playing at the 1968 Republican National Convention in Miami. We had to go through three security checks to get in, and I took some silverware from the tables and nobody checked us on the way out.

“I don’t know what I thought back then. I was trying,” he says of a music career that has spanned nearly half a century. “I feel sort of blessed that I have been able to make a living doing this as long as I have. I appreciate the fact that I’ve been able to do this for a good long while.

“I’ve noticed lately that I’m better known up here than I used to be. The attention is nice, and it’s nice to get respect from the music business. And all you have to do is be in it for 50 years!” he says with a laugh.

When it comes to the Decoys, it’s all about the music. “I love getting up on stage and listening to what they do. It is a good feeling band. The grooves are there—just like Muscle Shoals is so well known for—and it is a joy to play with these people.”

The Decoys have a couple original CDs under their belts, and they will have some on hand for the festival. They’re talking about recording another album in the near future.

The Decoys perform Saturday night, **Oct. 1**, on the Destin City Stage at 8. For the full music lineup, refer to this issue’s Live Music Calendar or visit **DestinSeafoodFestival.com**. And hit up the Decoys on their Facebook page.

Leitz On



Leitz Music’s Tim Prescott and Doug “Dr. D” Dickerson.

Photo by Chris Manson.

“**Parking is much better,**” says Leitz Music operations manager **Doug “Dr. D” Dickerson** of the store’s recent move to Uptown Station in Fort Walton Beach. “And there are lots of good food choices here for lunch.” Oddly enough, the seemingly endless road/bridge construction on Beal Parkway—Leitz’s location for many years—just wrapped up.

The new spot, while tighter, still boasts a breathtaking array of guitars, including fresh Fender Elites and 2016 Gibson Les Pauls. The staff includes Beachcomberland musicians Dickerson—guitarist with Hubba

Hubba, Something Fishy and Emerald Coast Blues Brothers—along with **Tim Prescott** (Flash Flood) and **Greg Mandel** (Black Eyed Blonde, Slingo).

Store hours are 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

“You might want to mention that we have lots of hand sanitizer,” says Prescott, indicating an industrial-sized Purell dispenser on the counter. “People can sanitize their hands and wrap them around a new guitar.”

- Chris Manson

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The Beat's Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs to The Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707.



The Bad Plus *It's Hard*

Okeh/Sony Masterworks

Anderson, Iverson and King sounds like a law firm, but they're the personnel of the Bad Plus. I was sold on them when I heard their headlong, oddly appropriate cover of "Gaston" from *Beauty and the Beast* on a Disney-themed jazz album. There's no Disney here, but a smorgasbord of tunes by Johnny Cash, Cyndi Lauper, Prince, Ornette Coleman and all points in between. These three guys are fused in mind and body, and keep all 11 tracks right on the edge of disciplined chaos. Every Man in Black fan needs to hear what they bring to "I Walk the Line."

- Bruce Collier

Rufus Coates & the Blackened Trees

Self-Titled

Independent

When you take a lovely deep gravel male voice and a soft emboldened



female voice, it can be the perfect pair and a heck of a treat. This is an album that's simply inspiring and unforgettable. Haunting and raw, warm and refined, and above all, hard to stop listening to.

- Nikki Hedrick

Colonel Gentleman and the Intangible Fancies

Oh! Whiskey

Independent

This uniquely named Pensacola band blends art house folk rock with English psychedelia for a creation that is old, new and altogether charming. With male and female vocals leading the charge, the theme seems to be maintaining a balance between musical worlds and creating a few new ones in the process.

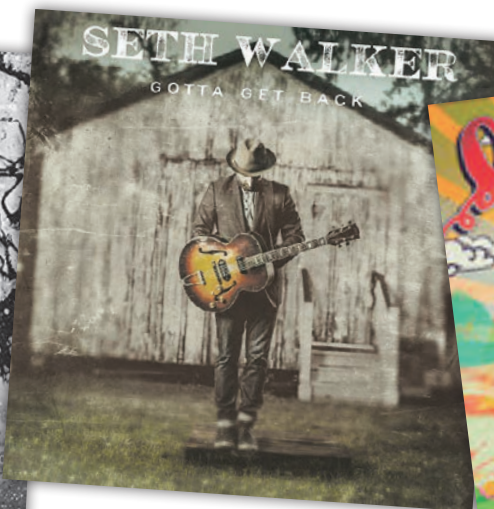
- Nikki Hedrick

Radiohead

A Moon Shaped Pool

XL Recordings

If you think it's strange that a band of Radiohead's legendary status would launch their newest album with only



a whisper of promotion, just wait until you listen to it. The real surprise is this is undoubtedly their best album in nearly a decade. It offers a fresh crop of songs while staying true to their experimental, synth-meets-folk sound, glazed with Thom Yorke's familiar airy-thin vocals drifting into a falsetto. There is variety, with "Burn the Witch" cranking a poppy upbeat, while "True Love Waits" and "Daydreaming" are piano heavy, thoughtful and touching. None of it is fist pumping, head-bangin' rock to be sure, but it damn sure isn't easy listening, either. In an age of over-produced, over-mixed commercial albums, Radiohead continues to persevere with creative authenticity, making *A Moon Shaped Pool* a delight from start to finish.

- Joni Williams

Seth Walker

Gotta Get Back

Royal Potato Family

The down home bluesman is back with perhaps his most polished and intricate outing to date. Whether it is the soulful hum-along of "Back



Around" or the intimate love song "The Sound of Your Voice"—complete with swirling ending featuring strings and electric organ sounds—this album touches on all sorts of musical roots with grace and sophistication.

- Nikki Hedrick

Daphne Willis

Come Together

daphnewillis.com

There are always lots of good albums out there if you know where to look, but rarely do you find something you can hang the word "magical" on. Willis—a longtime favorite here from her appearances at the 30A Songwriters Festival—squeezes the last bit of life out of five Beatles classics. Some of these have been done to death ("Something"), but you wouldn't know it from the vitality of the performances. I hope Paul and Ringo get to hear this, and I'm pretty sure it's already in heavy rotation up in Rock 'n' Roll Heaven for George and John.


- Chris Manson

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Upcoming Events

- Sept 21st: Music Bingo @ 7pm
- Sept 21st: Open Mic Night @ 9pm
- Sept 22nd: Downbeat Jazz Orchestra @ 7pm
- Sept 22nd: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty @ 10pm
- Sept 23rd: Happy Hour w/ Zack Rosicka 5pm-8pm
- Sept 23rd: Flashdance Friday
- Sept 24th: Ladies Night w/ DJ Serpent @ 10pm
- Sept 27th: Service Industry Night @ 7pm
- Sept 28th: Music Bingo @ 7pm
- Sept 28th: Open Mic Night @ 9pm
- Sept 29th: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty @ 7pm
- Sept 30th: Strangers Live @ 10pm

\$5 Anything 9pm - close

The Beat Profiles* – Bobby Tomberlin



HOME: Nashville, Tennessee. Originally from Luverne, Alabama. Destin was our summer vacation every year.

PROFESSION: Singer-songwriter at CURB Publishing.

HOBBIES: Collecting vinyl and traveling. I love to absorb every place I visit.

LAST BOOK I READ: *Waylon* by Terry Jennings.

LAST ACCOMPLISHMENT: I had two really cool things happen recently. I was in a movie with Stephen Dorff and Kris Kristofferson called *Wheeler*. I had a major role just playing myself. I was executive producer on the film and also co-produced some of the soundtrack. The film will be released in February. I just finished a new CD, *Out of Road*. It features guest vocals by Vince Gill, Bobby Bare, Sylvia, Bill Anderson, Mo Pitney, Linda Davis and Hank Jr.'s daughter Hilary Williams.

QUOTE: "Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today." – James Dean

PROFILE: Grammy, CMA and ACM nominee. Co-wrote the #1 and top-five AC hit "One More Day," recorded by Diamond Rio. Also co-wrote "A Good Day to Run" with Darryl Worley and "Country," recorded by Mo Pitney. I've also had songs recorded by Blake Shelton, Barbra Streisand, Willie Nelson, Faith Hill, Kenny Rogers, Josh Turner. Pam Tillis, Sylvia, Jerry Lee Lewis, Joe Nichols, Rodney Atkins, Thompson Square, the Oaks and many others. Was a cast member on the CMT hit series *The Singing Bee* for five years. Appeared in the movie *Brake*, starring Stephen Dorff. I've done voiceover on projects by Peter Frampton, Trace Adkins and Michael McDonald.

FAVORITE FREE ENTERTAINMENT PUBLICATION: *The Beachcomber!*

Bobby Tomberlin is back in town Oct. 7 and 8 for the Nashville Songwriters Florida Sunshine Tour at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, and we couldn't be happier. Discover more at bobbytomberlinmusic.com.

* Inspired by the late, great *CREEM* magazine.

Vinyl!

Central Square Records' Ed Jack shares his top picks for September. More at centralsquarerecords.com.

Angel Olsen
My Woman

Jagjaguwar
Folk singer-songwriter Olsen returns with her most diverse offering yet, conjuring the extensive dream-pop she's known for ("Sister") while maintaining her indie-rock identity with songs like "Shut Up Kiss Me." *My Woman* is a well-rounded album that will satisfy the seasoned fan while attracting a few new listeners as well. Available now on purple vinyl.

Angelo Badalamenti
Twin Peaks

Death Waltz
The original soundtrack to one of the most popular TV series ever finally gets the vinyl treatment. The music itself seems as fresh as the day it was first aired back in 1990, and the extended soundtrack covers more themes and moods, expounding on the more recognizable intro theme. In addition to the content, the packaging and artwork are superb, and the records are pressed on coffee-colored vinyl, which would certainly impress caffeine-addict Agent Cooper.

Wilco
Schmilco

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On their tenth studio album in a little over two decades, Wilco deliver a more somber yet powerful set of new songs. Jeff Tweedy, having recorded two solo albums in the past few years, seems to have found a more pronounced voice, while the rest of the band brings some musical innovation to the game. Guitarist Nels Cline adds some eerie touches to tracks like "Common Sense," and "Happiness" asserts itself as one of the most poignant--and, ironically, saddest--tracks Wilco has produced. Now available on limited colored vinyl while they last.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens
Disney

The success of the vinyl version of the newest *Star Wars* soundtrack has as much to do with the packaging and artwork as it does with the actual music. Pressed on double "holographic" LPs, one side projects a small Millennium Falcon hologram, the other a Tie Fighter, as they hover above the record as it plays. This special vinyl release definitely boasts one of the coolest features in the galaxy.

St. Paul & the Broken Bones
Sea of Noise

Records Label
Birmingham, Alabama-based Paul Janeway and his explosive soul ensemble return with their sophomore release, digging deeper into the creative well and coming up with a more mature and evocative set of material. From the get-go, notably on "Flow With It," it's evident that the time spent in the studio and playing on the road has served the group well. The songs on *Sea of Noise* have a deeper soul that the debut seemed to lack, and they feel more at home with the band. Case in point--the stellar souljerker "I'll Be Your Woman," which even caused Mick Jagger to stop and take notice.



Photo by Michael Loftis.

Live Music Calendar

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22
BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO, Biloxi, MS
VINCE GILL (\$59.95 and up)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
ALTER BRIDGE – 3 PILL MORNING
Doors open at 7 p.m.



3 Pill Morning

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Karaoke, 7 p.m. til...

EL JALISCO, Destin
GEORGE ARTHUR, 6 p.m.

FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitiibs.com
POST PLUTO

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
GYPSY ELISE & THE ROYAL BLUES, 9 p.m. (\$5)

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN

HOOKS ON THE HARBOR, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 5 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER RADIO MUSIC & COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
HOTEL OSCAR, 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23
BAYVIEW CLUB, Eglin Air Force Base
ROCKERS 4 LIFE – HERITAGE, 3 p.m.

THE BEACH HOUSE, Sandestin, www.relaxdrinkeat.com
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO, Biloxi, MS
VINCE GILL (\$59.95 and up)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 4 p.m.
JASON CLARK, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitiibs.com
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HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
THE RIPS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
CLINT BLACK, 8 p.m. (\$35 and up)

KC'S SANDBAR, Fort Walton Beach
BT TURNER, 5 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
WILL & LINDA PLEASANTS, 5 p.m.



MARIE'S BISTRO, Santa Rosa Beach
KICKSTAND JENNY, 8 p.m.

MARINA BAR & GRILL, Sandestin
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.
YAMADEO, 9 p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

PANDORA'S, Santa Rosa Beach
TREEHOUSE!, 9 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
MARI GLEASON, 6 p.m.

POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach
DIKI ROSS, 2 p.m.

RAMADA PLAZA, Okaloosa Island
THE MULLIGANS, 6-9 p.m.
Fifth Annual Friends of Fresh Start Gala

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

TWISTED GRAPE, Shalimar
BENGHAZI, 6 p.m.
Jazz night with one of our favorite musicmakers.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24
AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island
MYKE VANNESS, 2-4 p.m.
KANE AND THE SAINTS, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
GUNNER, 8:30 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

ELMO'S GRILL, Santa Rosa Beach
DEREK GIVANS, 6 p.m.

FISHHEADS, HarborWalk Village
COASTAL GROOVE, 7 p.m.

Road Trip, Anyone?

The first annual New Orleans Metal Festival takes place **Sept. 23-26** at Siberia Music Club, located at 2227 St. Claude Avenue in the Big Easy.

The four-day, 23-band lineup features local, regional and international metal music artists including **Marduk** (Sweden), **Carach Angren** (Netherlands), **Necronomicon** (Canada), **Rotting Christ** (Greece), **Strike Master** (Mexico), **Hawg Jaw** and **Gristnam** (New Orleans), **VB**T (Texas), **Emerald Heavy** (Mississippi) and **Dark Star Coven** (Pensacola).

For the full schedule and more info, check out **neworleansmetalfestival.com**.

- Missy Graham



FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitiibs.com
HOTEL OSCAR

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
SLOPPY DOLLARS – JOHNNY 2x4 & THE RIPSHITS – RUDE-A-BAGAAA – LIQUOR AND LIES, 8 p.m.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
MICKEY GILLEY, 8 p.m. (\$25 and up)

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
DIKI ROSS, 1-5 p.m.

TWISTED GRAPE, Shalimar
JOE WEISS, 6 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-7 p.m. (Baytowne LIVE)
FORREST WILLIAMS, 7-9 p.m. (Events Plaza Stage)
September Saturdays

WORLD OF BEER, Destin
JOHN HART PROJECT, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25
AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HART, 2-4 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
MIKE WHITTY & FRIENDS, 2-6 p.m.
Sunday Pickin'—all local musicians invited to jam.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 3 p.m.
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 6 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, www.crabislandcantina.com
ROB ROMANS, 1 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

TAILFINS, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 26
THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
JAY WERNE, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

T-LUCK, Mary Esther
JIMMY JAMES, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27
THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
FLASH FLOOD DUO, 7-11 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
PAUL ROUSH, 5 p.m.

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Skye Claire	Even Stevens
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Megan Linville	Trailer Choir

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11pm - Funky Blues Shack



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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
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MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
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Upcoming Music Releases

SEPT. 23

Joe Bonamassa, *Live at the Greek Theatre* (Also on Vinyl, DVD and Blu-ray)
Billy Bragg & Joe Henry, *Shine a Light: Field Recordings from the Great American Railroad*
Budderside, *Budderside*
Fleetwood Mac, *Mirage (Expanded Edition)*
Game Theory, *The Big Shot Chronicles (Expanded)*
Greensky Bluegrass, *Shouted, Written Down & Quoted*
Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials, *The Big Sound of Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials*
Idina Menzel, *Idina*
Randy Newman, *The Randy Newman Songbook Vol. 3*
Operation: Mindcrime, *Resurrection*
Lee "Scratch" Perry, *Must Be Free*
John Scofield, *Country for Old Men*
Bruce Springsteen, *Chapter and Verse* (Also on Vinyl).
Companion piece to his autobiography *Born to Run*.
Dwight Yoakam, *Swimmin' Pools, Movie Stars...* (Also on Vinyl)

SEPT. 30

Herb Alpert, *Human Nature*
Bon Iver, *22, A Million* (Also on Vinyl)
Marc Broussard, *Save Our Soul II: Soul on a Mission*
Kristin Chenoweth, *The Art of Elegance*
The dB's, *Like This (Expanded)*
Drive-By Truckers, *American Band* (Also on Vinyl)
Erroll Garner, *Ready Take One*. Fourteen previously unreleased performances.
Amy Lee, *Dream Too Much*
Marillion, *FEAR*
Van Morrison, *Keep Me Singing* (Also on Vinyl)
Pixies, *Head Carrier*
John Prine, *For Better, or Worse*
Regina Spektor, *Remember Us to Life* (Also on Vinyl)
Luke Winslow-King, *I'm Glad Trouble Don't Last Always*

Source: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
CJ PEAKE, 6 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wallin' Blues Wednesdays,
8 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
PAUL ROUSH, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,
5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS,
6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY
(Courtyard), 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin,
www.baytownewharf.com
LAUREN ST. JANE, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Night Concert Series

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BT TURNER, 5 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM,
4 p.m.
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach,
850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
ANTHRAX – DEATH ANGEL,
7 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin,
www.fudpucker.com
Karaoke, 7 p.m. til...

EL JALISCO, Destin
GEORGE ARTHUR, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf,
www.graffitiibs.com
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GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Space Jam / Service Industry
Night, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DRU CARTER, 5 p.m.

HOOKS ON THE HARBOR, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 5 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND,
7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,
5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
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SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island
YAMADEO, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 4 p.m.
JASON CLARK, 7 p.m.

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CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach,
850-837-2627
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

CENTRAL SQUARE RECORDS, Seaside
AMSTERDAM STATION – TIN
MAN, 5:30 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – AJ'S BIG GAME STAGE, Destin Harbor,
www.destinseafoodfestival.org
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND,
Noon-3 p.m.
JACOB MOHR BAND,
3:30-7:30 p.m.
TOBACCO ROAD,
8-11 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – CITY OF DESTIN STAGE, Destin Harbor,
www.destinseafoodfestival.org
THREE BEAN SOUP, 4 p.m.
EMERALD GOLD, 6 p.m.
SOUTHERN DRAWL BAND,
8-10 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – HARBORWALK VILLAGE STAGE, Destin Harbor,
www.destinseafoodfestival.org,
www.HarborWalkDestin.com
VILLAGE BRASS BAND, 3 p.m.
ROMAN STREET, 4 p.m.
8 SECOND RIDE, 6:30 p.m.
HERITAGE, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin,
www.fudpucker.com
THE STRANGERS,
10 p.m.-2 a.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE,
6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf,
www.graffitiibs.com
DELTAPHONIC

GULF PLACE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
HERITAGE, 6-9 p.m.
The Beachcomber Music Award winning band kicks off the inaugural 30A Craft Beer & Spirits Festival.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
A double dose of Mr. Couch, solo and with full band.

THE HUB, Santa Rosa Beach
CADILLAC WILLY, 7-10 p.m.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
SINBAD, 8 p.m. (\$30 and up)

JEAN & PAUL AMOS PERFORMANCE STUDIO, Pensacola,
wsre.org
Pensacola Beach Songwriters
Festival Special, 7 p.m.
WSRE StudioAmped TV taping. Doors open at 6.

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
KATE McRAE, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,
5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

30A STORE, Seagrove Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island
ROBBY WALTON, 2-4 p.m.
JOHN HART PROJECT,
8:30-10:30 p.m.

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THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
GUNNER, 8:30 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – AJ'S BIG GAME STAGE, Destin Harbor,
www.destinseafoodfestival.org
TRIGGERPROOF,
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
JAMES MILLER BAND,
3-7 p.m.
BLACK EYED BLONDE,
8-11 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – CITY OF DESTIN STAGE, Destin Harbor,
www.destinseafoodfestival.org
PANAMA GROOVE, Noon
WILL & LINDA PLEASANTS,
2 p.m.
OKALOOSA SOUND, 4 p.m.
SOMETHING FISHY, 6 p.m.
THE DECOYS, 8-10 p.m.



Live Music Calendar

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – HARBORWALK VILLAGE STAGE, Destin Harbor, www.destinseafoodfestival.org, www.HarborWalkDestin.com
VILLAGE BELLES, Noon
MODERN ELDORADOS, 1 p.m.
DEJA VU, 4 p.m.
FLASH FLOOD, 6 p.m.
JANUARY NOISE, 8 p.m.
Fireworks at 9, followed by fire spinning.

ELMO'S GRILL, Santa Rosa Beach
DEREK GIVANS, 6 p.m.

FISHHEADS, HarborWalk Village
COASTAL GROOVE, 7 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Village of Baytowne Wharf, www.graffitifbs.com
DELTAPHONIC

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Santa Rosa Beach
CADILLAC WILLY, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
The 2016 Beachcomber Music Awards Hall of Famers play a car show.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
KATE McRAE, 2 p.m.

GULF PLACE AMPHITHEATER, Santa Rosa Beach
DEAD 27s, 2-5 p.m.
30A Craft Beer & Spirits Festival

HARD ROCK LIVE, Biloxi, MS
THE MONKEES
The Good Times 50th Anniversary Tour. Davy Jones, R.I.P. Mike Nesmith, M.I.A.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
ART GARFUNKEL, 8 p.m. (\$30 and up)

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.
YAMADEO, 9 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 2
AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island
DINO LOURDI, 2-4 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
MIKE WHITTY & FRIENDS, 2-6 p.m.
Sunday Pickin'—all local musicians invited to jam.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 3 p.m.
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 6 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, www.crabislandcantina.com
ROB ROMANS, 1 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – AJ'S BIG GAME STAGE, Destin Harbor, www.destinseafoodfestival.org
EMERALD COAST BLUES BROTHERS, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
YAMADEO, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – CITY OF DESTIN STAGE, Destin Harbor, www.destinseafoodfestival.org
THE MOOS BROTHERS, Noon
DHARMA BEATS, 2-4 p.m.

DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL – HARBORWALK VILLAGE STAGE, Destin Harbor, www.destinseafoodfestival.org, www.HarborWalkDestin.com
KICKSTAND JENNY, Noon
SIMPLY D'VYNE, 2-4 p.m.
VILLAGE BRASS BAND, 3-6 p.m.

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
KATE McRAE, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO
"WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 3
THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
JAY WERNE, 7 p.m.

JEAN & PAUL AMOS PERFORMANCE STUDIO, Pensacola, wsre.org
SOUTHERN DRAWL BAND, 7 p.m.
WSRE StudioAmped TV taping. Doors open at 6.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 4
THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.



HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

JEAN & PAUL AMOS PERFORMANCE STUDIO, Pensacola, wsre.org
NICK AND THE OVOROLS, 7 p.m.
WSRE StudioAmped TV taping. Doors open at 6.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5
AL'S BEACH CLUB, Okaloosa Island
CONTINUUM, 7 p.m.

BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO, Biloxi, MS
BOWZER's Rock 'n' Roll Party (\$10)
We're assuming that's the Sha Na Na guy. Who remembers Sha Na Na?

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
CJ PEAKE, 6 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailin' Blues Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

JEAN & PAUL AMOS PERFORMANCE STUDIO, Pensacola, wsre.org
THE VEGABONDS, 7 p.m.
WSRE StudioAmped TV taping. Doors open at 6.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
EL DUB, 5 p.m.

MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
GABRIEL DONOHUE, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND,
5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m.
(Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

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SATURDAY, OCT 1st 10-10PM
SUNDAY, OCT 2nd 11-4PM



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The 38th Annual Destin Seafood Festival will feature tons of fun for the whole family. Festival highlights include fresh, local seafood, live music on multiple stages, artist and craft vendors, kids' zones, family fun, a fireworks show and more! This much-loved annual tradition will take place at the Destin Harbor Boardwalk, extending from HarborWalk Village at the foot of the Destin Bridge along the water to Heron Harbor. This new and expanded venue brings the festival back to its roots, showcasing the Destin Charter Fishing Fleet and the action of the 68th Annual Destin Fishing Rodeo. Best of all, the event is free and open to the public!

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FRIDAY, 9.23.16

"The Disciplined Dance of Dressage" at Destin Library, 2 p.m. Local Dressage trainer **Jodie Kelly** takes you behind the scenes of the highest level of equestrian training. FREE. Presented by the Friends Guild. Email friendsofthedestinlibrary@gmail.com for more info.

Fifth Annual Friends of Fresh Start Gala at Ramada Inn, Okaloosa Island, 6-9 p.m. **The Mulligans** perform, and attendees will enjoy live and silent auctions, heavy appetizers, cash bar, gourmet cupcakes and a chance to win the "Wagon of Wine." Fresh Start for Children and Families is a nonprofit organization that has housed families in crisis for more than 30 years. Learn more at FreshStartFL.com.

FRIDAY, 9.23.16- SUNDAY, 9.25.16

Fifth Annual Pass the Good Benefit for Manna Food Pantries at Vortex Spring, Ponce De Leon. Three days of music and camping for a great cause, with appearances from our own beloved **Hotel Oscar, Owsley Brothers, Heritage, Dismal Creek** and more. General admission tickets are \$125. Get yours at eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY, 9.24.16

Barbershop Harmony at Rocky Bayou Baptist Church, Niceville, 7 p.m. The Barbershop Harmony Festival—presented by the **Emerald Coast Chorus**—comes to a close over 200 singers from five Panhandle cities take the stage. Tickets are \$10 at emeraldcoastchorus.com, or call 844-746-4377.

College Football Saturdays at HarborWalk Village, Destin, starting at 11 a.m. Great food and drink specials at **Crab Island Cantina** and other HarborWalk hangouts. This week's matchups include Florida State at USF, LSU at Auburn, and Kent State at Alabama (times TBD). HarborWalkDestin.com.

Eggs on the Beach at Seascape Resort, Miramar Beach. The Big Green Egg cooking competition includes celebrity judges (**Lucy Buffett!**), live music (Beachcomber Music

Award winner **Chris Alvarado!**) and more. EggsOnTheBeach.com.

Nomad Day at Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island, starting at 11 a.m. Honoring the service of what Fud's honcho **Chester Kroeger** calls an "important part of the Eglin Air Force Base community." All past and present members of the 33rd are invited to enjoy FREE BBQ and lots of watersports and arcade activities. www.fudpucker.com.

Second Annual Biophilia Center Family Fun 5K Nature Hike, co-hosted by the Florida Department of Health in Walton County, at E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Freeport. Gates open and registration begins at 7 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per person. Parent or guardian required for children under 15. Educational health programs and interactive exhibits after the hike. Sturdy shoes recommended—the trails are not stroller-friendly. More info at eowilsoncenter.org.

September Saturdays at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 5-9 p.m. Watch your favorite football teams and enjoy live music on the Events Plaza and Baytowne LIVE stages. Wear your school colors and enjoy special discounts and featured merchants. baytownewharf.com.

South Walton Run/SUP Series at Grayton Beach State Park, Santa Rosa Beach, 8 a.m. The event combines a two-mile beach and dune run with a two-mile paddle across Western Lake. Sign up at business.waltonareachamber.com.

SUNDAY, 9.25.16

Playground Area Soccer Association (PASA) Fundraiser at Tijuana Flats, Fort Walton Beach, 5-10 p.m. Ten percent of all sales will help PASA keep their fields maintained and registration fees low.

Taste of FWB Food and Wine Festival at the Fort Walton Beach Landing, 2 p.m. Enjoy samplings of fine wine and the best from local restaurants. Plus live music, breathtaking view. Get your tickets at tasteoffwbfoodandwinefest.com.



A larger than life American flag displayed at Santa Rosa Golf & Beach Club in honor of U.S. veterans. Earlier this month, the semi-private club participated in Patriot Golf Day with proceeds going to the Folds for Honor Foundation. Learn more at foldsforhonor.org.

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MONDAY, 9.26.16

Tai Chi Classes with Barbara Rezmer at Destin Library, 9-10 a.m. Cost is five bucks. Enrollment limited to 12 participants on a first-come basis. Call 850-837-8572. More info at taichiforarthritis.com.

THURSDAY, 9.29.16

Merle Temple Book Signing at Fort Walton Beach Library, 5-6 p.m. Temple, the author of the Michael Parker trilogy (*A Ghostly Shade of Pale*, *A Rented World*, *The Redeemed*), will speak and sign books. FREE and open to the public. Call Katie at 850-833-9590 for more info.

FRIDAY, 9.30.16

Fourth Annual Fore Her Golf Outing at Santa Rosa Golf & Beach Club, Santa Rosa Beach. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Check-in and registration begin at 8. Cost to participate is \$95, and that includes breakfast, hole-in-one prizes, food and drink samples on the course, lunch following the round and silent auction. This event benefits local women fighting breast cancer, and you can find out more by emailing amy@foreher.org or calling Amy at 850-699-3233.

FRIDAY, 9.30.16-SUNDAY, 10.2.16

Destin Seafood Festival on the Destin Harbor. The FREE annual event kicks off at 3 p.m. Friday with a performance by **The Village Brass Band** at HarborWalk Village. Enjoy live music, kids' activities, vendors and—of course—delicious seafood all weekend long. DestinSeafoodFestival.org.

FRIDAY, 9.30.16-SATURDAY, 10.1.16

30A Craft Beer and Spirits Festival at Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach. Delicious beverages, food and live music, with nearly 20 brewers and master distillers representing. Advance tickets are \$45 per person (\$80 per person for two-day pass)—day of event prices are \$55 (one day) and \$100 (two-day general admission). The event benefits the **Seaside School Foundation**. More at xorbia.com/events/wineworld/30ACraftBeerFest. Get your tickets online or at any Wine World location.

SATURDAY, 10.1.16

Bloody Mary Festival at the Market Shops, Sandestin, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy unlimited tastes

of 30 (!) of Beachcomberland's most creative Bloodies, served by our finest restaurants and bars. Live music, food and more. Proceeds benefit **Sinfonia Gulf Coast**. General admission and VIP tickets available at themarketshops.com.

College Football Saturdays at HarborWalk Village, Destin, starting at 11 a.m. Great food and drink specials at **Charlie's Burger Bar** and other HarborWalk hangouts. This week's matchups include North Carolina at Florida State, Kentucky at Alabama, and Louisiana at Auburn (times TBD). HarborWalkDestin.com.

Destin History & Fishing Museum Celebration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Stop by the museum at 108 Stahlman Avenue and enjoy FREE admission plus answers to the burning questions *Why is the sand so white?* and *Why is Destin called "The World's Luckiest Fishing Village"?* Plus raffle prizes. More info at 850-837-6611 and destinhistoryandfishingmuseum.org.

SATURDAY, 10.1.16-MONDAY, 10.31.16

Destin Fishing Rodeo on the Destin Harbor. The 68th annual event features daily weigh-ins and

commentary from longtime weighmaster **Bruce Cheves**. Enjoy opening night fireworks at 9 p.m. More at DestinFishingRodeo.org.



MONDAY, 10.3.16

Tai Chi Classes with Barbara Rezmer at Destin Library, 9-10 a.m. Cost is five bucks. Enrollment limited to 12 participants on a first-come basis. Call 850-837-8572. More info at taichiforarthritis.com.

TUESDAY, 10.4.16

Cooking with the Chef at HarborWalk Village, Destin, noon-2 p.m. in the HarborView Room. **Chef Jimmy McManus** shares his recipe for Destin's best crab cakes. Cost is \$25 per person. Limited seating—call 850-424-0622 for rezzies.



WEDNESDAY, 10.5.16-SUNDAY, 10.9.16

South Walton Fashion Week at various locations, presented by the **Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County**. Tickets available at freshtix.com.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning prayer, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX Church Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

Movies

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

SEPT. 23

The Magnificent Seven. Denzel Washington, Peter Sarsgaard, and at least five other actors.
Storks. Animated comedy from the folks that brought you *The LEGO Movie*.

SEPT. 30

Deepwater Horizon. Mark Wahlberg stars, and hopefully he and the filmmakers are on the side of "FUBBI!"
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. The new movie from the ridiculously overrated Tim Burton.

UPCOMING DVD BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

SEPT. 27

Bill & Ted's Most Excellent Collection (Blu-ray). *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* and its superior sequel, *Bogus Journey*, loaded with bonus features.
Cell. John Cusack. Based on the novel by Stephen King.
Central Intelligence. Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Amy Ryan.
Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates. Adam Devine, Anna Kendrick, Zac Efron, Aubrey Plaza.
The Shallows. Blake Lively.

OCT. 4

Chevalier. A fishing trip on the Aegean Sea gets all cray-cray!
The Purge: Election Year. Frank Grillo, Elizabeth Miller.
Swiss Army Man. Paul Dano, Daniel Radcliffe.
X-Men: Apocalypse. "The most apocalyptic X-Men yet!" — Some web critic you've never heard of.
Source: www.metacritic.com



Augie, a recent Alaqua Animal Refuge Pet of the Week. Meet your new future best friend at beachcomberdestin.com every weekend. Photo submitted by Kelby Schweickert.

15 Questions with Nonie of “The Ark”

Continuing our tie-in with The Beachcomber’s 15th anniversary... This issue, the spotlight shines on longtime Emerald Coast “EDUtain” **Nonie**. Thanks to Beachcomber contributing writer **Nikki Hedrick** for the suggestion!

1. Where do you currently call home?

I live in Fort Walton Beach with 28 other living creatures, 29 when you account for my awesome second mate and pilot Brandon—229 if you count all the pet roaches!

2. Where did you grow up?

St. Petersburg, Florida. Summers in Jacksonville.

3. Where did you develop your affinity for animals and our natural world?

Growing up in the semi-tropics of Florida, where there is no shortage of native and exotic critters, my family was always caring for wild and domestic creatures. There were dogs, cats, rats, guinea pigs, flying squirrels, snakes, chickens, a turkey, a screech owl and even a sheep at one time. We spent time camping in Osceola National Forest where I was able to explore more natural surroundings other than the “green space” of the cemetery in my neighborhood that I considered my playground. There, I climbed trees, played in the pond with the Muscovy ducks, and built sheet forts amongst the invasive Australian pines with my girlfriends. We enjoyed our city neighborhood and found as many outdoor and nature adventures as we could, exploring, catching and raising tadpoles and fish from Joe’s Creek.

4. How did you get into animal “EDUtainment”?

In 1991, my senior year, I spent a career day at Busch Gardens shadowing zookeepers in the animal nursery. At the end of the day, they offered me a summer job. I had a great summer caring for a baby camel named Schwarzkopf (Gulf War reference) and various other exotic animals. I went to zoo school for college in Gainesville for two years and found my calling in zoo education and live performance presentations. I had side jobs in college at a snake farm and a bat farm. I had an awesome job working at LUBEE, a research facility dedicated to the coolest and biggest bats in the world.

After college I worked at various zoos, aquariums, vet’s offices and a children’s daycare, but couldn’t really click with employers. Both sides of my family are self-employed entrepreneurs so naturally I wanted to be independent, too. I needed a zoo of my own. I had a few personal pets and started perusing the classifieds for more. At one of my previous animal jobs, I was a birthday



Photo courtesy of Nonie.

party host and realized I could do this myself. In 1997, I came up with the name Nonie’s Ark, purchased some party goods, started handing out brochures, and the rest is history. I am proud to say that I will be celebrating my 20th year in business in 2017.

5. What’s your favorite animal?

I love all my animals, just as any other mom does. I cannot choose a favorite, but as for the animal kingdom in general, I love bats the most.

6. Who are some of the people that influenced you?

In 5th grade, my teacher had a large python in her classroom. And in 7th grade, I discovered my mentor, Mr. Scull. His science classroom was full of animals, and I learned some hands-on husbandry skills by caring for his classroom zoo for two years during my elective period and by taking some home on weekends and breaks. He is quite a funny, quirky guy and I really enjoyed his “repertoire” with students—some of that can be experienced in my presentations. He was very honest and direct about biology and the cycles of life, etc. I used to beg to stay up to watch *The Late Show* when Joan Embry was a guest with animals from

San Diego Zoo and grew up watching *Tarzan*, *Marlin* and *Jim on Wild Kingdom* and *Jack Hanna*.

7. What is a typical day like for you?

I work 24 hours a day. When you live on the Ark, you always know when one of the crewmates needs something, especially when a majority of them are nocturnal. I really want to sleep in, but duty—or doody—calls. In the mornings, I catch up on emails, purchasing and marketing chores, etc. Admittedly, I do spend a lot of time online and on social media reading, learning, sharing, and I hope my friends and fans enjoy that. I feed, water, spot clean, socialize and release those that need free time and hugs by mid-morning. The rest of the day is usually mine to play unless I am out “EDUtaining” at a classroom, retirement home, festival, birthday party, etc.

When the sun goes down, another set of crewmates needs attention. I spend about 30 minutes cutting fresh fruit, feeding and socializing with them. I was trained in college and at LUBEE to keep enriching captive animals’ lives, so I try to come up with various toys, foods, scents and activities to stir the animals’ activity levels. The “toys” are

usually things I find at thrift stores that they can tear up, hide in or poop all over and I can toss or recycle in the end.

8. Tell us about your mission to “EDUtain.”

Over the past 19 years, I have adopted well over 100 animals from unwanted and usually irresponsible situations. I am diligent and unapologetic about my mission to teach the children and adults I meet about responsible lifetime commitments to pet ownership. I focus on small exotic animals from pet stores. I also educate about some of our native animals. Some of my charges were stolen from the wild because a family wanted to “save” the animals. This truly is “killing with kindness.” If you see an animal crossing the road, such as a turtle, help it across the road and walk away. Wild animals deserve to be wild and pet animals should stay pets.

Some of the animals I rescue could very well have been set free by irresponsible pet owners trying to do the animal a favor and that is not the favor they need. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has a program for folks to relinquish their unwanted pets with amnesty at the Gulfarium on **Sept. 24**, and I will be there to showcase some of my crewmates. But I don’t have any more room on my Ark to take on any more. I know my limits and what my budget and time can afford. You can sign up to be an adopter through FWC if you can prove your knowledge on various animals’ needs.

9. Tell us about your Ark.

I have 28 fuzzy, feathered, scaled, cold and warm blooded family members at my house, but I only bring seven at a time in a tall “craft cart” of drawers to events. Luckily, all of them are small enough to fit comfortably in the drawers, which are equal to pet carriers that I used to have to haul around when I worked for other facilities. I figured out how to work smarter, not harder.

10. What’s a typical Nonie’s Ark show like?

I present for one hour to groups of 30 or less children and or adults and also offer a two-hour Hostess Package for parties. I generally bring a parrot, turtle, toad, tarantula, snake, hissing cockroach and a mammal. My website **noniesark.com** has more information about my presentations, party packages, animals, quotes and even a video of us in action.

11. Who are some of your favorite Beachcomberland musicians?

I love dancing to electronic house music with Doc Roc and DJ Joel—they lead me to the dance floors of places like Duck Duck and Fud’s Down Under Bar.

AIRBOAT TOURS

DESTIN AIRBOAT TOURS at Fudpucker’s on the Island, 1318 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. Daily departures between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Destin’s only U.S. Coast Guard inspected airboat tour. Come join us for a very exciting and thrilling ride along Santa Rosa Sound to Pirates Cove and the Spectre Islands. Call 850-461-9585, visit DestinAirboat.com and like Destin Airboat Tours on Facebook.

ANTIQUES

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SMITH’S ANTIQUES MALL & INTERIORS MARKET 25,000 sq. ft. and 94 vetted dealers have made Smith’s the favorite with decorators, locals and tourists for over 20 years. Voted Best of the Emerald Coast for 14 consecutive years, Finest on the Emerald Coast, and Best in Destin... need we say more Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 12500 Emerald Coast Parkway, Miramar Beach (near Silver Sands). 850-654-1484. www.smithsantiquesmall.com.

BOOKSTORES

READ IT AGAIN Used and rare books. Browse inventory and shop online at www.readitagain1.com or just come see us at 703 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, just one block west of Niceville High School. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We have a little bit of everything—popular reads, new releases, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy and science fiction, mystery and suspense, romance, history, military and so much more. 850-279-4646.

EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.
- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m'

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest’s* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the “Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle” by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. www.santarosaclub.com.

MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful ocean views. Open daily at 9 a.m. 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. www.gulfarium.com.

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

LEITZ MUSIC Guitars, bass, drums and keyboards, plus recording, DJ and PA equipment. Sales, repairs and lessons. Gibson, Fender, PRS, Taylor, Martin, Ibanez and more. Open Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sundays noon-6 p.m. Now located in Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 850-863-1099. www.facebook.com/LeitzMusicFWB.

PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90, You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Drive.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic moss draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping picnics, hiking, swimming, and saltwater fishing,

and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A , Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park a.m.st has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Rd, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill

PETS

THE DOGGY BAG Destin’s oldest gourmutt bakery and boutique, located in the Barnes and Noble shopping center on U.S. 98. We carry premium dog and cat foods and treats for your furbabies. Yummy birthday cakes are our specialty. Open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Sundays and holidays. 850-837-9833.

15 Questions with Nonie of “The Ark” continued...

I like to rock out, too. I recently caught two shows at Club LA by Kickstand Jenny and was very impressed. I love being mesmerized by Flow Tribe’s eye candy of retro attire and happy vibe. Members of New Earth Army and Heritage are past Nonie’s Ark customers, so a shout out to them is in order. I also really dig Tribe Zion and any band that covers TOOL.

12. What are some of your favorite Beachcomberland spots to eat, drink and shop?

My all-time favorite meal on the Emerald Coast is Grouper Pontchartrain at Louisiana Lagniappe. I rarely eat meat, but when I do, it better taste

amazing and be worth the animal’s life. I consider myself a “flexitarian.” I will eat animals if they had the “best life possible” before being killed in the “most humane” way possible. I know, I should be vegan.

As far as drinking goes...I’m a southern girl with a sweet palate and I love muscadine wine thanks to my friends at Chautauqua Winery in DeFuniak Springs. I buy it by the case when I am up there and deliver it around the state to my family as gifts. They have good shopping there as well. Otherwise, I tend to shop as eco-friendly as I can and mostly spend my minimal budget at thrift stores. Nonie’s Ark is not a very

profitable business, but it stays afloat as a hobby that pays for itself.

13. What have been some of your career highlights so far?

I love when customers and friends call me for advice about pet choices or wildlife issues. It lets me know that I have done my job. I also am starting to hear from past Nonie’s Ark customers who have grown up and are following a career in biological sciences. I have made an impression!

14. If you could time travel forward or back for a week, where would you go?

Earlier this year one of my best friends, Pete the coatimundi, passed away due

to leukemia. I would love to go back a few years ago when he was the most comfortable and happy, stinking up our bed, wrestling with the dogs and digging in the yard for bugs. He was a rescue from a college student who just up and left him behind in his roommate’s house. He was the biggest personality on this Ark, and I am wiping tears while I type this... A week with Pete, yes, we would all love that.

15. The Beachcomber just reached a milestone—our 15th anniversary. How are you planning to celebrate this momentous occasion?

Celebrating with you! Tell me where the party is, and I’ll bring the party animals!

Enjoying Bourbon Heritage Without Spending Your Inheritance

By Bruce Collier

September is Bourbon Heritage Month in America. Demand for bourbon has come a long way since the 1970s, when distillers were doing embarrassing things to get people to buy their product. Fortunately the country came to its senses.

Increased demand and the rise of limited-output craft distilleries and boutique bourbon producers are driving bourbon prices into the stratosphere. Two years ago I did a survey of bourbons for under \$30. Regrettably, some of the bourbons I listed no longer qualify. Old Grand Dad Bonded jumped from \$18 to \$24. The old man didn't jump alone, either.

I accepted the challenge. This column sets the price bar even lower—a sampling of 10 genuine bourbons, all purchased locally, priced at under \$20 (non-discounted, pre-tax) for a 750 ml. bottle. I tried all of them neat, in my hardworking Glencairn glass.

McAFEE'S BENCHMARK OLD NO. 8
80 Proof
Buffalo Trace
\$9.47

I read somewhere Benchmark was originally intended as a budget-priced competitor for Maker's Mark. Like Maker's, Benchmark can be found everywhere. As with all bourbon, it needs time in the glass to open up. The nose offers peach, apricot preserves, honeycomb, earth, wood, a little menthol and butterscotch. I could taste sweet tea, prune, juice from canned fruit, and a pear and dried fruit finish. It drinks just fine on its own.

OLD CROW
80 Proof
Jim Beam
\$9.77

Reportedly the favorite whiskey of U.S. Grant. The first time I opened the bottle I couldn't get any kind of nose. I tried again a week later and detected a faint orange peel scent, followed by tea with orange and honey, cardboard and paper. The tea and honey continue on the taste, with fruit cocktail, Halloween taffy and a little pepper. Old Crow would be a great choice for an old fashioned Boilermaker—with PBR or Rolling Rock; don't invest in cask-conditioned Abbey Ale or anything from Oregon.

ZACKARIAH HARRIS
80 Proof
Sazerac
\$9.99

Like Old Crow, Zackariah Harris is shy at first sniff, then gives up a little orange peel, pickle brine and unsweetened tea. The taste starts with vanilla and burnt tobacco, softening with more air, then becomes bittersweet. Not much else.

TOM SIMS 6-YEAR-OLD
80 Proof
Heaven Hill
\$14.99

Sampled beside the Harris. It's darker, fuller-bodied, a bit chewy. The nose gives up dry sherry, nuts, brown sugar and tea. The sherry nuttiness carries over into the taste, along with vanilla and sweet pickle spice.

EVAN WILLIAMS 1783 SMALL BATCH
86 Proof
Heaven Hill
\$14.99

Give it air and you'll smell dry, nutty, papery cornmeal. More oxygen yields grape and Bit O' Honey. The taste is more promising—jammy, fruit candy (Lifesaver or Jolly Rancher), grape jelly aftertaste. The finish ends quickly.

J.W. DENT BONDED
100 Proof
Heaven Hill
\$15

The label has been described as something out of Phillip Marlowe's desk drawer. There's warmth here, so give it air. The nose is faint burnt orange and cornmeal, pretty light. The taste is sweet, corny, medium-bodied and low on burn once it's aired, gentle almost. There's honey and vanilla, more sweetness, with a dry little touch of wood on the finish.

FIGHTING COCK
103 Proof
Heaven Hill
\$15.64

The rooster decal on the label reminded me of Cockspur Barbados Rum (known in the macho Caribbean as "the Bionic Cock"). Let this chicken breathe—I scented apple peel, cut wood, burnt sugar, varnished wood, earth and taffy. The first taste was hot but resolved itself into burnt sugar, toffee apple, more fruit, then buttery vanilla. Despite the frat boy label, this is fragrant, tasty whiskey, especially for the price.

OLD GRAND DAD
80 Proof
Jim Beam
\$15.97

With lots of air, the 80 proof nose is a lower-key version of the bonded—orange, grapefruit, grape juice, fruit drops a hint of spice. This would be a good candidate for "Kentucky Iced Tea," a tall drink with one part whiskey to two parts water. It's hard not to think of this as the lightweight brother to the bonded, but it kinda is. It's about seven bucks cheaper and easier to find.

OLD FORESTER
86 Proof
Brown-Forman
\$19.47

A few more bucks, and a bit higher proof, seem to buy more in this case. Old Forester smells like wood (one would hope so) and sweet fruit—a pleasant swirl-and-sniff liquor. It's medium bodied (good for mixed drinks). I tasted caramel, toffee, dried fruit and nut bar and sweet sherry, which continues to a toasty, lingering finish.

FOUR ROSES YELLOW LABEL
80 Proof
Four Roses
\$19.99

Nose is citrusy, varnished wood, fruit cocktail. The taste starts dry, then there's menthol and a hint of orange peel on the finish. No burn, could be nursed along for hours with ice and water. This is the least interesting of Four Roses—for \$10 more, the Small Batch is worlds better.

Of the above, I'd give the value prize to Benchmark and Fighting Cock.

Long live bourbon...whatever the cost.



Wastin' Away in Beerville

By Joni Williams

Is it five o'clock yet? Pay no mind to your phone or watch—it's always five o'clock somewhere. And that somewhere is **Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville** in HarborWalk Village. The idea here is to party like it's quittin' time all day starting at 11 a.m. and well into the night—at least until 10 or later, if there's a crowd.

When the Destin Seafood Festival rolls around, you can get a double dose of Margaritaville. Besides the permanent location on the harbor, they'll also be hosting a grab-and-go booth in its midst, offering their much adored fish tacos and jambalaya along with a choice of—what else?—margaritas.

Still, if you'd rather be wastin' away in Beerville, simply walk a few extra steps over to the huge, unmissable cafe, done up in the bright colors of an Aloha shirt, and home to one of the most glorious waterfront views to be found on the harbor.

Don't be fooled by its reputation as a tourist trap. Margaritaville actually has a very good selection of brews, on tap and in bottles, as well as a budget-friendly weekday Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m., with draft beer starting at three bucks. But then again, would we expect anything less from the namesake of a legendary trop-rock performer who famously sang about "cold draft beer" and even composed an affectionate one-minute ode to Corona?

These days, Buffett's all hooked up with Landshark, having parted ways with the Corona sponsorship nearly 10 years ago. So it's no surprise to find Landshark is the beer of choice here, with its name plastered across Adirondack chairs and the top story bar named in its honor. It's also used



in food prep descriptions and tops the beer list here.

Brewed in not-too-distant Jacksonville, the lager is a lovely traditional golden and has a malty, inoffensive taste. But there are better beers to be had at Margaritaville (sorry, Mr. Buffett), including a couple all-time faves. And those would be **Sierra Nevada Pale Ale**, a clean tasting, thirst quenching twist of citrus that goes down smooth, and the **Dogish Head 60 Minute Ale**, appropriately caramelly, but not too hoppy or bitter.

With a selection that includes Goose Island 312, Fat Tire and local fave

30A Beach Blonde, you almost can't go wrong with your picks. If you want to stick to the tried-and-true, they also offer Bud, Miller, Mich, Heineken, Stella, PBR, Angry Orchard and Yuengling. That's a lot of beers for a place specializing in margaritas and boat drinks, and a better-than-average selection for what is actually a corporate-owned franchise location.

That's not to say they don't offer food. They do, and lots of it, like coconut shrimp and buttermilk battered chicken. You were expecting beer batter? Just opt for the fish and chips, made with none other than Buffett's

beloved Landshark. Though you won't find any bar munchies per se, there are plenty of appetizers that will suffice, like the Asiago Crab Dip with crostini or Drunken Shrimp, sautéed in tequila, butter and lime. And one huge pile of Lava Nachos is enough for brew crew *a deux*, maybe even three.

Food, drink and glorious view aside, the best part of Margaritaville just might be the friendly staff. When we were, there they were prompt, knowledgeable and went out of their way to be helpful. It's understandable why this is a favorite hot spot of tourists—and maybe soon for locals, too.

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DESTIN DINER Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Full bar. 1083 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-460-7283. www.destindiner.com.

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CONTEMPORARY

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LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

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Beats & Eats



The DownBeat Jazz Orchestra returns to the Down Under Bar at Fudpucker's Destin Thursday, Sept. 22, 7-9 p.m. In addition to the great music, our pal Chester (a/k/a Father Fud) informs us the restaurant will be offering "a special Jazz Menu featuring Stuffed Shrimp Parmesan, Paneed Chicken with Creole Cream Sauce, Coconut Shrimp and our incredible 14-ounce Ribeye." Sushi by the incomparable Miss Ann will also be available, and guests can take advantage of two-for-one cocktails from 4 to 9 p.m. Reservations are recommended, so call 850-654-1544 to secure your spot.

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IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE’S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe’s opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There’s even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

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LATIN / MEXICAN

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LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you’d want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and

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PIZZA & PASTA

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Chefs Up Close



CAMILLE WITHALL

Executive Chef, George’s at Alys Beach

Withall moved to Florida and worked at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort for her internship in 2008. “That’s where I really started to immerse myself in the business,” she says. After that, she spent four years at Restaurant Fire, where she met and worked with her mentor Chef Carl Schaubhut. “I believe that’s where I found my voice and planted my feet firmly on the ground as a professional chef. Now that I’m at George’s, the journey goes on and I’m very blessed to still keep doing what I love doing.”

Favorite TV Cooking Shows: I think I watch more travel shows and features on chefs from around the world than actual cooking shows. I like Anthony Bourdain’s *Parts Unknown*, *Chef’s Table* and *Mind of a Chef*.

Culinary Idols: I usually look up to Thomas Keller and Jacques Pepin’s knowledge and finesse with their approach to food. Currently, I love Rameal Scully’s *Nopi* cookbook (based on his restaurant recipes) and how he uses different Middle Eastern and Asian flavors together. And of course, my mom, who’s never cooked a bad meal in her life.

Guilty Pleasures: I love desserts. I cannot seem to turn them down. And Cocoa Pebbles. Which is almost like dessert, I guess.

Signature Dish: I make really good Peruvian Chicken and paella.

Major Accomplishments: I still consider myself a young, learning chef in this business. I’ve been with George’s for almost three years now, and it has been quite a learning process. Every day is really different. I do enjoy coming up with new things to try out with my kitchen crew. If I have inspired new cooks to keep enjoying what they’re doing or imparted them with new techniques that can be very useful to them, then I consider those major accomplishments.



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CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas

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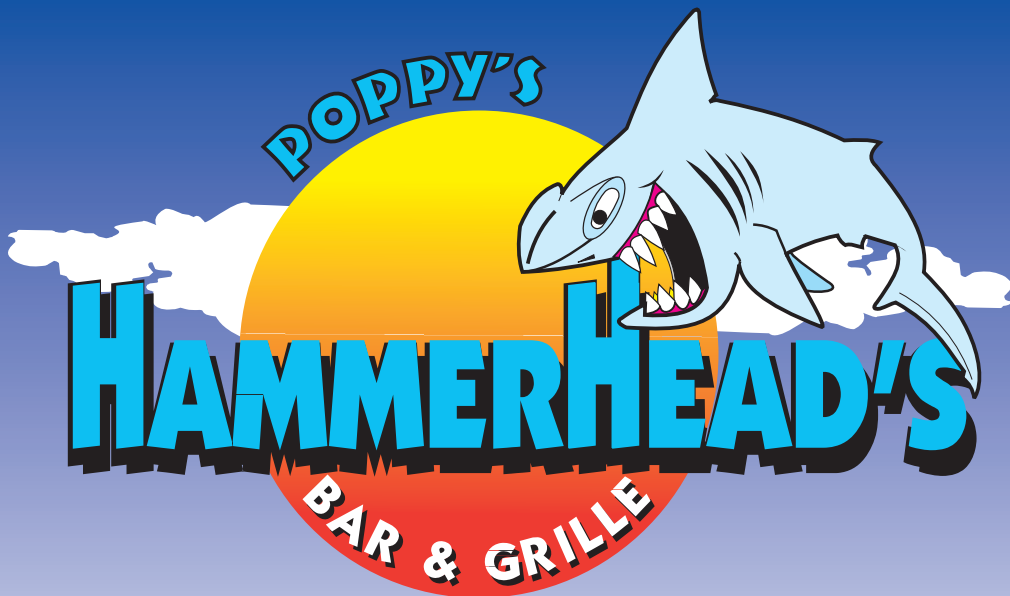
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GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. harryts.co.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. www.localcatch30a.com.

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Bartender of the Issue



Photo by Chase Yakaboski.

MO MOSELEY

Bud & Alley's Waterfront Restaurant, Seaside

For nearly 20 years, Mo has been the life of the party at Bud & Alley's Rooftop Deck bar in Seaside. This dashing Bossier City, Louisiana native is at home in the restaurant biz. He started bussing tables at the age of 14 and has happily poured, shaken and stirred libations for 38 of his 56 years.

Silvered haired Moseley is as charming and engaging as a bartender could be and clearly loves what he does for a living. "It's like going to a party every night with different people. You're pretty popular, because you have the alcohol," he quips—something he does often.

One of Moseley's secrets to success is being omniscient. "For my regulars I know what they want, and I like to have what they want to drink ready and before they order it. It makes me feel good knowing I've given everyone I serve a good experience."

- Zandra Wolfram

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When: 4-7 p.m. daily.
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Crab Island Cantina

HarborWalk Village, Destin
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When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
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When: 6-8 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

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HarborWalk Village, Destin
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When: 3-6 p.m. daily.
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Landshark's Pizza

300 Harbor Blvd., Destin
850-424-6743
When: 3-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$1 off well drinks, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 wine.

La Paz

950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin
850-837-2247
When: 4-6 p.m. daily.
Drink Specials: \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

Lucy Buffett's LuLu's

4607 Legendary Marina Drive, Destin
850-710-LULU (5858)
When: Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.
Drink Specials: \$2 select drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3 glass house wines, \$4 rocks house Margaritas, \$6 frozen house Margaritas and Daiquiris.

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1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach
When: Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.
Drink Specials: Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

Vue on 30a

4801 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
850-267-2305
When: Seven days a week, 3-6 p.m.
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Acclaimed Off-Broadway Drama About Tuskegee Airman at NWF State College Oct. 7

Black Angels Over Tuskegee, Layon Gray's acclaimed Off-Broadway play about the heroic Tuskegee Airmen, appears at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville as a nationally touring Guest Event Friday, **Oct. 7**, at 7:30 p.m.

The award-winning docudrama has performed to rave reviews across the nation, including notable appearances at the Smithsonian Institute and World War II Museum in Washington, D.C. The play is based on true events of the Tuskegee Airmen who conquered isolation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter groups of World War II, forming the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

Tickets are \$37.50 each and are available from the Box Office at 850-729-6000 or online at **MattieKellyArtsCenter.org**. Tickets will also be available at the door on show night, space permitting.

Vibrantly energetic and emotionally captivating, *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* is now in its sixth year at St. Luke's Theatre in New York City. The production has received praise from top critics including the *New York Times*, which described the performance as "uplifting and inspirational" and "tough to resist."

Original Tuskegee Airman **Ted Lumpkin**, president of the Los Angeles chapter, said, "I love this play. It's real, and it reminded me of my times at Tuskegee. It's a great show."



The play regularly tours across the United States and internationally, shedding light on these inspiring American heroes. In the drama, six men explore their collective struggle with Jim Crow, their intelligence, patriotism, dreams of an inclusive fair society, and brotherhood, as they become the first African-American

fighter pilots in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II.

Black Angels goes beyond the headlines of the popular stories of the Tuskegee Airmen and reveals the men who exhibited the courage to excel in spite of all the overwhelming odds against them. The play won an NAACP Award for Best Ensemble, a New York Audelco Award for Special Achievement and an Artistic Director Achievement Award for Best Play.

The play has also been performed for professional sports teams like the New York Jets, the National Urban League, national NAACP and more. It was also presented at the National Tuskegee Airmen Convention in Las Vegas for over 30 chapters.

The men depicted in Gray's play came together to participate in the Army Air Corps program, which sought to train and prepare African-Americans to fly and maintain combat aircraft. The group included pilots, navigators, bombardiers, maintenance, instructors and support staff personnel charged with keeping the planes operable and in the air.

The Tuskegee Airmen conquered isolation and prejudice to become one of the most highly respected fighter

groups of World War II, forming the 99th Pursuit Squadron. They proved conclusively that African-Americans could fly and maintain sophisticated combat aircraft. The Tuskegee Airmen's achievements paved the way for full integration of the U.S. military.

For more information about the play, visit **BlackAngelsOverTuskegee.com**. *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* is produced Off-Broadway by Edmund Gaynes and the Layon Gray Experience. Video previews are available on the Mattie Kelly Arts Center website, and the drama is suitable for the entire family and recommended for middle school-aged students and higher.

The Oct. 7 performance is presented by DAL Consulting Group. Sponsorship opportunities are available to assist with bringing this historic event to the Emerald Coast. For sponsorship details, contact **Dedria A. Lunderman** at 850-865-5069 or email **dalconsultinggroup@cox.net**.

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Local Author Spotlight – Marilyn Turk

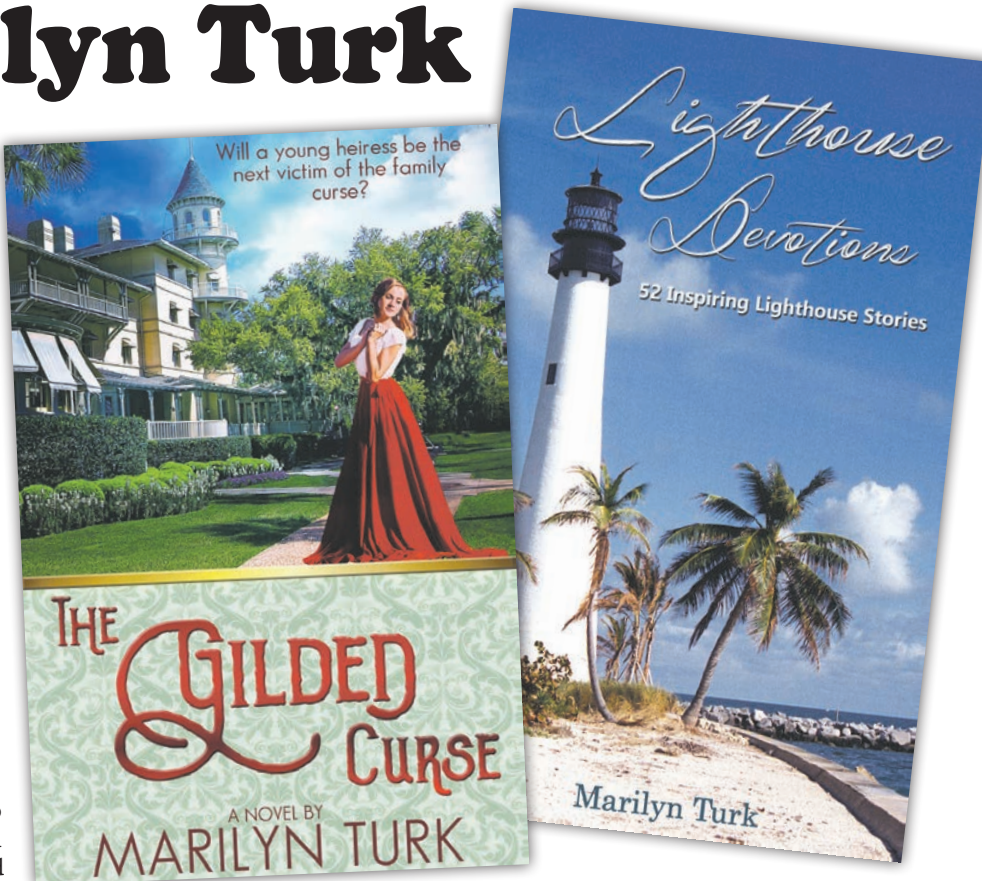
Marilyn Turk loves to study history, especially that of lighthouses and the coast of the United States. Her recent releases are *A Gilded Curse*, a historical suspense novel set in 1942; and *Lighthouse Devotions* - 52 Inspiring Lighthouse Stories, based on her popular lighthouse blog, pathwayheart.com.

The Niceville resident and Louisiana native is a graduate of LSU's School of Journalism. After moving from the Atlanta area to Niceville, Turk retired from a career in food service sales and began her next career as a writer. Her work has appeared in a number of inspirational publications including *Guideposts* magazine, *A Joyful Heart*, *A Cup of Christmas Cheer*, *Daily Guideposts*, *The Upper Room*, *Clubhouse Jr.* magazine, *Chicken Soup for the Soul* and *Lighthouse Digest* magazine.

Turk has always liked lighthouses, but when she saw her first lighthouse in person—the Pensacola



Author Marilyn Turk.



Lighthouse—she was hooked. Now her husband Chuck is also a lighthouse enthusiast, and the two have visited many lighthouses across the country. In 2015, they traveled to Michigan where they saw over 40 lighthouses and stayed in one that had been converted to a bed and breakfast. This summer, they traveled the east coast where they visited lighthouses from Maine to the outer banks of North Carolina.

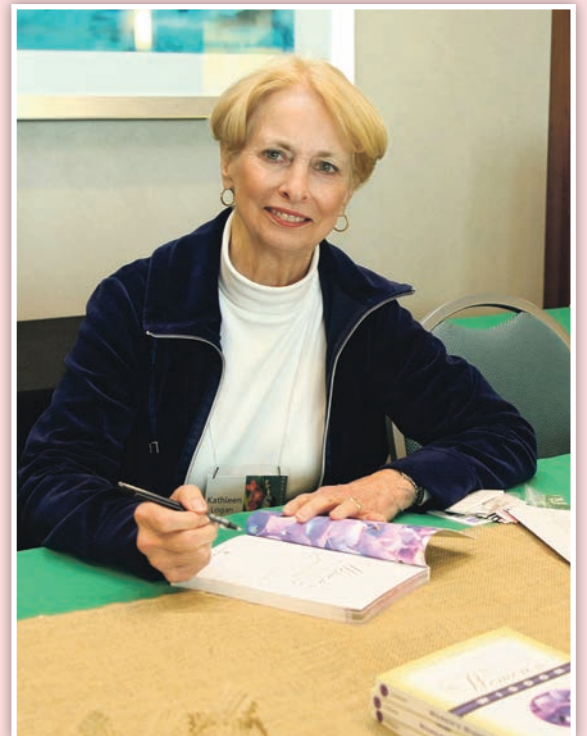
They took their lighthouse interest a step further when they served as voluntary caretakers at the Little River Lighthouse off the coast of Cutler, Maine. This year marked their second stint at the lighthouse, but the first with their seven-year-old grandson. The lighthouse is located on an island at the southern tip of the Bay of Fundy whose tidal change can be from 15 to 18 feet.

Although Turk is a diehard southerner, she loved their little lighthouse home. “It’s a totally different world than any I’ve ever lived in,” she says. “The weather is seldom really hot, with highs maybe in the low 80s, and can change daily. The first summer we stayed at the island, we ran fans one day and the next had to turn on space heaters. But the beauty and almost uncivilized landscape is wonderfully refreshing. Plus we loved the people of the friendly small town, where almost all are lobster fishermen.”

Turk is currently working on a four-book series of Civil War era novels, all set in Florida and each involving a different lighthouse. The first in the series, *Rebel Light*, is available on Kindle now and in print soon. When she’s not writing or climbing lighthouses, the author enjoys playing tennis, boating, fishing and gardening.

To find out more about Marilyn Turk’s books, sign up for her newsletter at marilynturk@pathwayheart.com. You can also find her on Facebook and Twitter.

Logan Takes Home International Book Honors



An inspirational author and speaker on women’s lives, **Kathleen Vestal Logan** has won two distinctive awards this year for her book *Women’s Wisdom: Pass It On!* The goal of her book is to encourage intergenerational sharing to acknowledge, nurture, and share women’s wisdom at every age and stage of life.

Women’s Wisdom was a 2016 International Book Awards finalist in the self-help/motivational category. With over 1,500 entries, Logan’s *Women’s Wisdom* beat out 80 percent of her fellow entrants. She shared the stage with the likes of some famous people such as Pope Francis and *Shark Tank*’s Daymond John.

In addition, Logan’s book received a Bronze award from the 2016 National Mature Media Awards that honored the best marketing, communications, educational materials and programs for older adults.

A former U.S. Navy officer now residing in Gulf Breeze, Logan is a frequent speaker at women’s groups throughout the Southeast. Her many conversations with women have led to articles she writes for the online newsletter of the Transition Network, a national organization for women over 50. She also co-authored *Second Blooming for Women: Growing a Life that Matters After Fifty* with E.L. (Betsy) Smith, Ph.D.

Published by Second Blooming Books, a Wyatt Mackenzie Imprint, *Women’s Wisdom: Pass It On!* is available at bookstores and from online retailers like Amazon. The book is also available for electronic reading devices. To order the book, visit womenswisdompassiton.com.

- Kay Phelan

The Liberty Bowl

By Sean Dietrich

I'm about to break my own rule and write about something I swore I never would. Not since Chad Talbot read a five-page essay on Joe Namath in the fifth grade and put the class to sleep.

May God have mercy on my soul.

It was late December. Cold as hell. My mother went into labor during the first quarter of the Liberty Bowl. Bama versus Illinois.

She huffed like a freight train, while my father sat on a vinyl chair watching the black and white television. When the doctor came to visit Mother, he too made a beeline toward the TV. Daddy cranked up the volume.

The voice of announcer Joe Kapp called a four-yard touchdown, drowning out Mother's panting.

"Touchdown!" Daddy and the doctor yelled in unison. Then, Mother says they did some happy-cussing.

During bowl games, there are two kinds of cussing. Happy-cussing, reserved for



touchdowns. And dog-cussing, when fans instruct opposing coaches or referees to eat a substance commonly found in barnyards and cow pastures.

By the third quarter the delivery room was full—two custodians, four doctors, a handful of lab techs, and one maintenance man, each with his back facing Mother.

Illinois scored. A river of dog-cussing followed.

Mother's contractions got worse. "I felt like a washing machine," she said. "Crammed with a bean bag chair—set on spin cycle."

Fourth quarter: Mother was already baying like a coonhound. The doctor asked if she wouldn't mind keeping her voice down.

And then it happened.

As fate would have it, during Bama's winning touchdown, a long-legged, big-toed, redheaded bullfrog entered this world, covered in crimson slime.

My daddy snatched the toad up and brought it near the television set. He tapped the screen. "You see that man, son? That's Bear Bryant, the best coach of all time."

"Yep," said the doctor to the frog. "This was Coach Bryant's very last game tonight. History in the making. Don't you ever forget that."

Well, there's no way the frog ever would forget such a thing. Because his mother tells him this story every year on his birthday.

And when Bama wins tonight, it will be told again.

Read more of Sean Dietrich's stories at seandietrich.com. And buy all of his books from Amazon.

Recommended Reading

EDITOR'S PICKS – FUNNY PEOPLE

Amy Schumer

The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo

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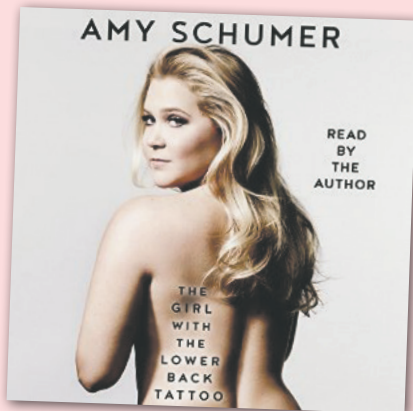
Even if you're a devoted viewer of her excellent Comedy Central show, you'll be surprised by how many layers the author reveals in her sorta-memoir. There are plenty of laughs here—no surprise—but also some thoughtful (and painful) pieces on abusive relationships and the need for sensible gun laws. Of particular interest to me was the chapter about her dealings with a *Men's Health* magazine editor. Amy, you can write for *Beachcomber* any time you want, and I won't give you a bunch of shit. I recommend the Audible version, for which Schumer has found the perfect narrator—herself.

Dave Barry

Best. State. Ever. A Florida Man Defends His Homeland

G.P. Putnam's Sons

In Barry, Tim Dorsey and Carl Hiaasen—whose new *Razor Girl* I'm still in the middle of—Florida can boast three of the United States'



funniest writers, so suck it rest of the country. This is a breezy and hilarious travelogue in which Barry visits some well-known and off-the-wall Sunshine State spots to hilarious effect, though I don't know what kept him away from the Emerald Coast.

Charles M. Schulz

The Complete Peanuts: 1999 to 2000

Fantagraphics Books

The final volume in Fantagraphics' superb series reveals that Schulz's final strips were a lot funnier than I remembered. Also includes the pre-*Peanuts* comic *Li'l Folks*, which provides a fascinating look at Schulz's development as cartoonist, gag man and social commentator. Plus a foreword by the second worst president of the current century.

- Chris Manson

Upcoming Book Releases

SEPT. 27

Alton Brown, *EveryDayCook* (Cooking)

Alex Kava, *Reckless Creed* (Crime Thriller)

Robert T. Kiyosaki, *The Real Book of Real Estate: Real Experts. Real Stories. Real Life.* (Paperback) (Business and Investing)

Carli Lloyd, *When Nobody Was Watching: My Hard-Fought Journey to the Top of the Soccer World* (Sports)

James Patterson and Maxine Paetro, *Woman of God* (Thriller)

Martin J. Smith, *Combustion* (Paperback) (Suspense)

Bruce Springsteen, *Born to Run* (Memoir)

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